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SUBJECT: SOVIET RESTRICTIONS ON TOURIST TRAVEL TO LITHUANIA

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1. LENINGRAD DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HAS INFORMED US THAT THERE ARE NO RPT NO SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY JUST FOR TRAVEL TO LITHUANIA. THERE IS FIVE-DAY LIMITATION FOR GROUP TRAVEL, BUT THIS IS SAID TO BE SAME FIVE-DAY LIMITATION THAT PRESENTLY APPLIES TO STAYS AT ALL OTHER TOURIST POINTS IN SOVIET UNION DURING PEAK TOURIST SEASON.

2. DIPLOMATIC AGENCY GAVE ASSURANCES THAT LIMITATION IN NO WAY DESIGNED TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AMERICANS VISITING LITHUANIA, NOTING THAT INDIVIDUAL VISITS MAY BE FOR AS LONG AS THREE MONTHS.

3. CONGEN OFFICER AGAIN NOTED ADVERSE EFFECT OF SHORT VISIT FOR PERSONS TRAVELLING ON CHARTER FLIGHTS. DIPLOMATIC AGENCY OFFICIAL EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING, BUT POINTED TO REALITIES OF HOTEL SPACE SHORTAGE RESPONSIBLE FOR LIMITING TOURIST STAYS.
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